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NO RETURN TO WAR DON'T LET THE TORIES WRECK THE PEACE

The IRA bombing of London was a tragedy. the killing of ordinary working class people in England will do nothing to bring change in the North. But the finger of blame for the breakdown of the ceasefire must be firmly pointed at John Major and the British government. They did virtually nothing over the last 17 months to consolidate the peace. Instead they dragged in the issue of decommissioning to stall all party peace talks.

No peace deal in South Africa, Bosnia or the Middle East has ever involved one side surrendering its arms while the other side keeps theirs.

But Major was more concerned to shore up his unpopular and despised government than taking small moves towards peace.

One Tory backbencher even told a British newspaper that Major was 'a prisoner of the 20 or so hard-line unionists within the party who won't move unless David Trimble says its okay to do so."The straw that broke the camel's back was Major's proposal for an elected assembly in Northern Ireland. To the majority of Catholics, this smacks of a return to the hated Stormont regime..

The IRA bomb will achieve nothing. The armed struggle was tried for 25 years and failed. This time around the republicans are not even saying they are fighting for a 32 county socialist republic. The tragedy is that the armed campaign is being started only so that they can get leverage at peace talks in the future.

Public Meeting

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Thursday 22nd Feb 8pm
ATGWU Hall,
Middle Abbey Street

Speaker : Goretti Horgan (Derry SWP)

ALL WELCOME

The only way forward now lies in class politics. Every other road has led to a heightening of sectarian tension. Working class catholics and protestants have more in common with each other than with Bruton, Major or Trimble. They must put on the pressure for peace by demonstrating together. They have most to lose now. Socialists in Derry have already encouraged the local Trades Council to organise a 1,000 strong workers demonstration which has opposed the return to armed struggle but pinned the blame for what has happened firmly on the Tories.The Socialist Workers Party invites you to attend this meeting where a leading member of our Derry Branch, Goretti Horgan, will speak on the situation.

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